Mr. A. B. Salem.—I second it.

Motion put and agreed to.

Cochin Absolute Privilege Bill.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Before going to the resolutions I would request your leave, Sir, to move for introducing the Cochin Absolute Privilege Bill. The motion for leave to introduce the Bill has already been granted by this House.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is it in the agenda?

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—It was included in the priliminary agenda. It was not included in the final agenda because notice was not given with respect to the motion that the Bill should be introduced. Under Standing Order 19, sub-section 2, proviso, the President may, in his discretion, admit at any time any motion on shorter notice than that prescribed or may admit any motion without notice.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Has the President admitted the motion?

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I am requesting the President to admit this motion. This is a short Bill and it has been published in the Gazette.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I must correct. I don't think it has been published in the Gazette.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—It has been published in the Gazette.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—My information is otherwise. Publication in the Gazette is absolutely necessary before we take up the Bill into consideration.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, on a point of order, are not bills generally published after leave for introduction has been granted?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The publication is after introduction.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—My recollection is that the Bill has been published in the Gazette.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Will you kindly give me the date? The Member may have got a copy. That is no publication in the Gazette.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—If the publication in the Gazette is only after the introduction, there is no harm to be done if publication has not been effected now.

President.—The question is whether we have to take up this according to the Rules.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Before the introduction of the Bill only the Members of the House are

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expected to know about the Bill and the circulation of the Bill to the Members has been done. With respect to that there cannot be any doubt. The Bill is a short one and the Bill has been circulated to the Members. It was included in the preliminary agenda of the Council and I do not think any objection can arise with respect to the introduction of the Bill at this stage. On the other hand, if the Bill is postponed it is not likely that there would be time enough to pass the Bill, because there is only one session more. On these grounds I request the leave of the President under Standing Order 19, sub-section 2, to suspend the notice required and allow me to move that the Bill be read in Council.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Hon'ble Member says that the Bill has be been circulated. It has not reached many of the Members.

President.—I don't think that can be done.

Resolutions on matters of General Public interest.

1. Appointments in the State Service.

President —We shall now take up resolutions—first Mr. M. K. Raman.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—"This Council requests the Government of Cochin to openly declare a policy that no subject of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin, whatever be his caste or creed, shall be disqualified to hold any post or appointments in the public service on the ground of his nationality or birth, provided he has the necessary attainments and efficiency to hold such post or office."

I had an object in view when I sent up this resolution, but by the communication which I received immediately after I sent this resolution my object was frustrated. The communication to me was that in the course of the discussion I should not mention about Military, Devaswams and the Palace Departments which are now exclusively set apart for certain sections; and that according to me without any adequate reason. My object in sending this resolution was to point out the injustice that is being done to us. Now that I am told that I should not speak about any of these departments, I am in a real difficulty. Nevertheless, I will make an attempt to make some use of the resolution, bearing in mind the communication from the President which I do not propose to violate. Let me attempt to make some use of the resolution. Now Sir, even in the other departments which are said to be open for all sections of the people, we will try to make a perusal of the latest Civil List. I have got the latest Civil List in my hand, and in this Civil List I made a searching enquiry to find out how many names there are from non-caste Hindus and I found there are only twelve names in it out of 480

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